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To: All Medicaid Providers

**RE: Revised *Alabama Prior Review and Authorization Request Form* – Form 342
Prognosis Code Requirement on Electronic (278) and Paper (Form 342) Prior
Authorization (PA) Requests**

Beginning November 1, 2005, all providers submitting paper requests for prior authorized services/items via Form 342, will be required to use the most recently revised version of the form, *Alabama Prior Review and Authorization Request Form*, Revised 8/30/05. The form may be found on the Medicaid website at www.medicaid.state.al.us.

Also beginning November 1, 2005, all Home Health and Private Duty Nursing Providers **must** indicate the patient's prognosis code on all PA requests with a Service Type of 42 (Home Health Care), 44 (Home Health Visits), or 74 (Private Duty Nursing). The HIPAA Service Types may be found on the Medicaid website as well at www.medicaid.state.al.us.

If the prognosis code is missing from the PA request for Julian (receipt) dates after November 1, the PA request will be returned to the provider for resubmission.

For providers submitting paper PA requests using Form 342 – Revised 08/30/05, the Prognosis Code field may be found in Section 4, immediately following the Patient Condition field.

Should you have additional questions, please contact the PA Unit at 334-242-5441.

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